

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated July 10, 2008, in which the Examiner stated that claims 1, 7-14, 16-17, 19, 21-33, 35 and 50 are allowed, and rejected claims 6 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview on July 31, 2008, concerning amendments to claims 6 and 34 to place the application in condition for allowance. Based upon the Examiner's comments, claims 6 and 34 have been amended.

As indicated above, claims 6 and 34 have been amended to be directed to statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully bring the Examiner's attention to page 55, line 25 – page 56, line 3, which discusses the various types of memory/recording devices for storing operating programs. The Examiner's attention is also brought to FIG. 7. Similarly, Applicants respectfully bring the Examiner's attention to page 60, lines 20 – 23 which discuss the application program stored on a memory unit 104 or recording device 116. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully bring the Examiner's attention to FIG. 10 and the Specification on page 74, lines 21 – 23, discussing the storage of application programs. Also, Applicants respectfully bring the Examiner's attention to page 84, lines 22 – 25, discussing the storage of the application programs in the memory unit 504 or recording device 516. FIG. 11 also discloses memory unit 304 and recording device 316 discussed on page 86, lines 17 – 19. Also, Applicants respectfully bring the Examiner's attention to page 101, line 20 – page 102, line 3, which discuss storing application programs on the memory unit 304, or recording device 316. Applicants respectfully submit that support in the Specification is provided for computer-readable recording medium encoded with computer programs as claimed in claims 6 and 34. Therefore, Applicants

respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 6 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Thus, it now appears that the application is in condition for a reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner find that the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enters this amendment for purposes of appeal.

CONCLUSION

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 05-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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